



South Coast Air Quality Management District

UPDATED DATE-COMMUNITY MEETING

QUEMETCO

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has rescheduled the second community meeting related to Quemetco due to COVID concerns. The hybrid meeting previously scheduled on January 12, 2022 has been cancelled. The second community meeting has been rescheduled to February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in order to potentially host a hybrid meeting. If the surge in COVID remains elevated, the South Coast AQMD may need to hold this meeting in a virtual only format for the health and safety of all participants. Updates will be emailed to interested stakeholders and posted on South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-permit-projects>. You also may subscribe to email updates related to Quemetco at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/sign-up>.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) and permit applications for Quemetco. The first public meeting was held on November 10, 2021. The comment period on the Draft EIR has been extended from December 14, 2021, to February 15, 2022 at 5 p.m.

South Coast AQMD is the agency responsible for issuing permits to facilities that are subject to local, state, and federal air quality-based rules and regulations. Quemetco is a lead-acid battery recycling facility located at 720 S. 7th Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91746. Quemetco has submitted permit applications requesting to increase the amount of lead product from approximately 460 tons per day (tpd) to 575 tpd and allow the facility to:

1. Increase the limit to the rotary/kiln feed dryer and reverberatory furnace from 600 to 750 tpd;
2. Increase the temperature of the exhaust from the rotary/kiln feed dryer from 330 degrees up to 450 degrees Fahrenheit;
3. Increase the amount of coke material (e.g., calcined coke, petroleum coke, or a combination thereof) processed in the rotary/kiln feed dryer and reverberatory furnace from 600,000 to 750,000 pounds per month; and
4. Allow the use of petroleum coke, in lieu of or in addition to calcined coke as a smelting reagent in the reverberatory furnace and electric arc furnace.

As part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD has prepared a Draft EIR for the proposed project mentioned above. The Draft EIR concluded that there were no significant environmental impacts associated with the permit increase, largely due to the strict emission limitations in place that must be followed regardless of an increase in production. The Notice of Completion, Draft EIR, Frequently Asked Questions, and all supporting documentation are available at South Coast AQMD's CEQA webpage: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-permit-projects>.

Additional information about the Quemetco facility, including a draft copy of the permit is available at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/quemetco>

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Community Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Given health and safety concerns, auditorium seating availability may be limited, and the meeting format may be changed to full remote via webcast. Please refer to South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the format of the meeting, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-permit-projects>.

Attendees, *whether in-person or virtual*, will have the opportunity to provide public comments.

HELPLINE: For questions/issues related to making comments before and during the meeting, contact the Public Advisor at PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov. Spanish and Chinese interpretation will be provided.

In-Person	Virtual
<p>William A. Burke Auditorium South Coast AQMD 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765</p> <p>*Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours prior to the start of the community meeting along with picture I.D. is required for admittance.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting – from computer or phone https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/98021218173 Webinar ID: 980 2121 8173</p> <p>Teleconference Numbers: English: +1 669 900 6833 / Meeting ID: 980 2121 8173 Spanish: +1 669 900 6833 / Meeting ID: 932 0955 9643 Chinese (Mandarin) +1 669 900 6833 / Meeting ID: 931 1258 4181</p>

*Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination includes:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card¹) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date doses administered); OR
- A photo of a vaccination card as a separate document; OR
- A photo of the vaccination card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
- Documentation of vaccination from a healthcare provider; OR
- Digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader: name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type

REMINDER: Mask wearing is required indoors during the meeting.

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in this community meeting. Any disability or language- related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the District. For requests for accommodations or additional information, please contact Derrick Alatorre, South Coast AQMD Public Advisor at (909) 396-2432 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to publicadvisor@aqmd.gov.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley.